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SUBJECT: LANDSAT STATION

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1. REFTTEL INDICATES DR. FAROUL AL-BAZ OF NASA AGAIN PLANS VISIT REGION (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING EGYPT) IN APRIL AND IMPLIES HE WILL AGAIN DISCUSS LANDSAT GROUND STATION FOR EGYPT.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPT/AID ARE REQUESTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH AL-BAZ BEFORE HIS TRIP TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF STATE'S 043969. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT AL-BAZ ENCOURAGED PRESIDENT SADAT TO ASK FOR SUCH A LANDSAT GROUND STATION BEFORE HAVING CHECKED THIS OUT WITH STATE OR AID. WE SUGGEST THAT, SINCE AL-BAZ IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR STIMULATING THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN THIS REDUNDANT INSTALLATION, HE SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED: (A) NOT TO WHET GOE APPETITES ANY FURTHER ON THIS MATTER, AND (B) TO TAKE OCCASION OF ANY MEETING HE MAY HAVE WITH SADAT TO POINT OUT THAT, ALL THINGS CONSIDEREX, THERE IS NO NEED FOR EGYPT TO HAVE SUCH

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A GROUND STATION OF ITS OWN NOW AND THAT BOTH

ITALIAN AND IRANIAN STATIONS WILL BE OBLIGATED TO
PROVIDE EGYPT WITH ANY DESIRED DATA.

3. AL-BAZ SHOULD ALSO BE REQUESTED TO CALL ON
AMBASSADOR BEFORE HE AGAIN DISCUSSES SUBJECT WITH
PRESIDENT SADAT OR OTHER SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS.
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